



CLARK-SKAMANIA FLYFISHERS  
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Dear Director Koenings,

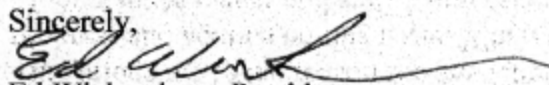
I want to begin by informing you of a project that the Clark-Skamania Flyfishers have been involved in for almost two years. I had the good fortune to accompany John Weinheimer of your Region 5 staff to Spirit Lake in August of 2003 to sample the fish that are in that lake. As a result of what I observed that day, the Clark-Skamania Flyfishers have been attempting to establish a dialog with the Forest Service to open Spirit Lake to the public to accommodate a limited angling opportunity there. We feel that literally, Spirit Lake offers the public an opportunity for a world class trout fishery. Last Tuesday we had our first meeting with the Monument Manager. Until that meeting our overtures to the Forest Service at all levels had been totally unsuccessful.

This brings me to the reason for this letter. I have kept John Weinheimer informed of our progress and actions on this issue. When I advised him of the meeting with the Monument Manager and staff I suggested that it would be worthwhile to have someone from the Department there in attendance. When John got back to me, he informed me that Guy Norman was very interested in attending the meeting to represent the Department.

Guy did attend the meeting and as a direct result of his skill as a negotiator, I believe there may now be some hope that we could see some public angling opportunity in Spirit Lake in the future. I want you to know that Guy did a superb job of representing your Department. However, in our view, of even more importance was the superb job he did as a strong proponent for the public having reasonable access to public resources.

On behalf of the Clark-Skamania Flyfishers I would ask you to extend our sincere appreciation for Guy's efforts on behalf of the angling public. We look forward to working with Guy Norman and his staff in the future. If we can assist the Department in facilitating an angling opportunity for the public in Spirit Lake, we are willing to put both our membership and financial resources into the effort.

Sincerely,

  
Ed Wickersham, President

cc: Guy Norman, Region 5

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